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Westerly Historical Society

Westerly, Rhode Island

1913-1914

**Constitution, By-Laws, Officers,
Committees and Members**

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**Westerly Historical Society
of Westerly, R. I.**

1913 - 1914

Publication Committee:

Julia E. Smith

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Officers and Committees

PRESIDENT

Miss Julia E. Smith

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Mr. Thomas Perry

Mr. Everett E. Whipple

RECORDING SECRETARY

Mrs. Thomas Perry

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Miss Bertha M. Brown

TREASURER

Miss Gertrude Foster

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—THE OFFICERS

Rev. J. L. Peacock

Mr. Albert E. Barber

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mr. Ethan Wilcox

Mr. Elisha C. Stillman

Mrs. LaCledé Woodmansee

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Rev. S. M. Cathcart

Mr. Harvey C. Perry

Mrs. Elisha C. Burdick

Constitution

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this Association shall be "The Westerly Historical Society."

ARTICLE II

Object

The object of this society shall be to promote interest in historical research, to stimulate a study of the history of Southern New England, and encourage the collecting and preserving of manuscripts, pamphlets, and relics, especially those relating to Westerly and vicinity.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. This society shall consist of active and honorary members.

Section 2. (a) Active members shall be those who pay the annual dues and only those shall have the privilege of voting.

(b) Honorary members shall be those who shall have rendered valuable service to the cause of historic inquiry or literature in general, and such other persons as this society may deem worthy of election.

Section 3. Every application for active membership shall be made in writing, signed by the applicant and endorsed by at least one active member of this society.

Section 4. Every application for membership shall be endorsed by the membership committee before being presented to the society for election.

Section 5. Any applicant for membership to this society, recommended by the membership committee, who shall receive an affirmative vote of the majority of the members present and voting at any regular meeting of this society, shall be a member. All members shall be elected by ballot.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. The officers of this society shall consist of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected annually and shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE V

Officers' Duties

Section 1. President—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings and appoint all committees not otherwise provided for. He shall have a casting vote only in case of a tie.

Section 2. The Vice-Presidents—In the absence of the President, the Vice-Presidents shall perform the duties of the President.

Section 3. Recording Secretary—The Recording Secretary shall keep a full record of all the proceedings of this society; he shall keep a roll of membership in a book provided for that purpose and shall take care of and keep properly filed all communications and papers of this society.

Section 4. Corresponding Secretary—The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct promptly all correspondence of this society unless it is otherwise provided for.

Section 5. Treasurer—The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account between the society and each of its members; receive all money due the society, pay all bills properly presented, and perform such other duties as appertain to the office of Treasurer. He shall make a report at the annual meeting or oftener if required.

ARTICLE VI

Standing Committees

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers and two others elected at the annual meeting. The Executive Committee shall exercise a general supervision over all business of the society; shall appropriate funds for current expenses and shall devise ways and means to promote the objects of this society.

Section 2. There shall be a Membership Committee of three elected at the annual meeting which shall investigate the qualifications of applicants for membership and shall present names to the society for election.

Section 3. There shall be a Program Committee of three elected at the annual meeting, which shall present a program for each meeting of this society. A Nominating Committee of three shall be appointed by the Executive Committee one month previous to the annual meeting and shall present to this society at the annual meeting a list of candidates for each office.

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Section 1. The regular meeting of this society shall be held at the Memorial Library Building at half after seven in the evening of the second Thursday of each month from October to May inclusive.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee by giving notice to each member.

Section 3. The annual meeting of this society for election of officers and the transaction of other business shall be the regular meeting in May.

Section 4. Seven members of the society shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5. Three members of the Executive Committee besides the President shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the committee. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at the call of the President or upon the request of three of its members.

ARTICLE VII

Dues

The annual dues of this society shall be \$1.00 payable at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

This constitution may be amended, added to or repealed, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular meeting of this society, provided that such amendment has been recommended by the Executive Committee and notice of the same given at the last regular meeting.

By-Laws

ARTICLE I

Order of Business

At the regular meetings of this society the order of business shall be as follows:

- a. Reading of records of last meeting.
- b. Reports.
- c. Unfinished business.
- d. New business.
- e. Program.
- f. Adjournment.

ARTICLE II

These By-Laws may be amended, added to, or repealed only in the manner described in Article IX of the Constitution.

Names of Members

Julia E. Smith
Fred Stewart Greene
Edward G. Cundall
Bertha M. Brown
Gertrude E. Foster
Mary Babcock Burdick
Jessie Hiscox Woodmansee
Lucy M. W. Foster
Byron J. Peckham
Phebe Perry Buffum
Thomas Perry
Grace D. Wheeler
T. A. Wallace
Harriet Maine Greene
Frederick C. Buffum
Mary M. Crandall
Clara V. B. Clarke
Minnie A. Champlin
George A. Champlin
Joseph L. Peacock
N. Henry Lamphear
William H. Holmes
L. McQuilken
Ethan Wilcox
Sarah F. Barbour
Ruth R. Nash
Sarah A. Briggs
Margaret W. Perry
Clara C. Stanton
Elisha C. Stillman
Albert E. Barber
Everett E. Whipple
Jessie C. Larkin
Winnie Berry Saunders
Willard H. Bacon
Mary A. C. Bacon
Mary E. C. Chapman
Mrs. Oscar Vose

Mrs. J. Courtland Barber
Samuel M. Carthcart
Harriet H. Carthcart
Edith C. Champlin
Harriet H. A. Stillman
Jennie B. Miner
Louisa A. Babcock
John W. Sweeney
Mrs. John W. Sweeney
Helen G. Wilson
Mrs. J. William Beaton
Mrs. Fremont Nye
Clara V. Perry
Charles Perry
Elizabeth Haswell
Mary Currier Burke
Nancy C. N. Joslin
Helen H. A. Miner
Lydia S. Perry
Harvey C. Perry
Mrs. Carrie B. Frazier
A. Ethelyn Foster
Katherine W. Foster
Elizabeth R. Chester
Lucy E. Rice
L. Gertrude Stillman
Georgia L. Langworthy
Evelyn Stillman
Mrs. M. Edith Burk
Mrs. Susanna S. Vaughn
Mrs. Annie Nash
Mrs. Sarah F. Richmond
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Gov. E. R. Allen
Mrs. E. R. Allen
Mrs. W. F. Williams
Rev. W. F. Williams
Howard G. Stillman

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